

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system provided on at least one computer readable medium executed within a computerized environment, the system comprising:

at least one non-serial input device driver being non legacy; wherein, each said non-serial input device driver ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a non-serial input device being non legacy;

at least one serial input device driver being legacy; wherein, each said serial input device driver ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a serial input device being legacy; and,

a manager component, the manager component comprising,

a process for receiving input from both the at least one non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial input device driver, and providing the input to one or more application programs; wherein, the one or more application programs ~~receiving~~ receive the input from the non-serial input device ~~corresponding to each non-serial input device driver~~ without directly communicating with each the at least one non-serial input device driver, and

a device addition process ~~for adding to add~~ additional serial input devices being legacy and additional non-serial input devices being non legacy, to the manager component; wherein, the device addition process ~~requiring a registration determination step for~~ registers the additional non-serial input devices to the manager component and ~~skipping~~ skips the registration ~~determination step~~ for the additional serial input devices.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one non-serial input device driver according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the at least one serial input device driver, the manager component leveraging the pre-existing manner for providing the input from the at least one serial input device driver.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial input device driver to the one or more application programs in an integrated manner, the one or more application programs receiving both the input from the at least one non-serial input device driver and the input from the at least one serial input device driver, through the manager component.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial input device driver to the one or more application programs in a manner by which new non-serial input devices and corresponding non-serial input device drivers are addable to the system without requiring revision of the manager component for the manager component to be able to provide input from the ~~new~~ additional non-serial input devices.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial input device driver to the one or more application programs in a manner by which new non-serial input devices and corresponding non-serial input device drivers are addable to the system without requiring revision of the one or more application programs for the one or more application programs to be able to receive input from the ~~new~~ additional non-serial input devices through the manager component.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include a media application program having media focus, the media application program receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to media devices, regardless of whether the media application program currently has active focus as a foreground application program.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include a telephony application program having telephony focus, the telephony application program receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to telephony devices, regardless of whether the telephony program currently has active focus as a foreground application program.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include an inactive application program having pointing device focus, the inactive application program receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to pointing devices where the input coincides with the inactive application program, even though the inactive application program has inactive focus as a background application program.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising an input queue for each of the one or more application programs, the manager component providing the input to the one or more application programs through the input queue for each application program.

Claims 10-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for execution within a computerized environment, the method comprising:

providing input by one or more non-serial input device drivers being non legacy, wherein said each non-serial input device driver ~~corresponds~~ corresponding to a non-serial input devices device being non legacy and providing input by one or more serial input device drivers being legacy, wherein said each serial input device driver ~~corresponds~~ corresponding to serial input device being legacy;

receiving the input from the one or more non-serial input device drivers and the input from the one or more serial input device drivers by a manager component; and,

providing the input by the manager component to one or more application programs; wherein, the one or more application programs ~~receiving~~ receive the input from the non-serial input devices ~~corresponding to the one or more non-serial input device drivers~~ without directly communicating with the one or more non-serial input device drivers, and

providing an input manager device addition process ~~for adding to add~~ at least one additional serial input device being legacy and at least one additional non-serial input device being non legacy, to the manager component; wherein, the device addition process ~~requiring a registration determination step for~~ registers the at least one additional non-serial input device to the manager component and ~~skipping~~ skips the registration for the at least one additional serial input device.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein providing the input by the manager component to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the one or more serial input device drivers, the manager component leveraging the pre-existing manner for providing the input from the one or more serial input device drivers.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein providing the input by the manager component to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input in an integrated manner, the one or more application programs receiving the input from the one or more non-serial input device drivers through an identical process as the programs receive the input from the one or more serial input device drivers.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 28 31, wherein providing the input to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the one or more serial input device drivers.

30. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 28 31, wherein providing the input to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input in an integrated manner, the one or more application programs similarly receiving the input from the one or more non-legacy input drivers and from the one or more legacy input drivers.

31. (New) A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method comprising:

providing input by one or more non-serial input device drivers being non legacy, wherein said each non-serial input device driver corresponds to a non-serial input device being non legacy and providing input by one or more serial input device drivers being legacy, wherein said each serial input device driver corresponds to serial input device being legacy;

receiving the input from the one or more non-serial input device drivers and the input from the one or more serial input device drivers by a manager component; and,

providing the input by the manager component to one or more application programs; wherein, the one or more application programs receive the input from the non-serial input devices without directly communicating with the one or more non-serial input device drivers, and

providing an input manager device addition process to add at least one additional serial input device being legacy and at least one additional non-serial input device being non legacy, to the manager component; wherein, the device addition process registers the at least one additional non-serial input device to the manager component and skips the registration for the at least one additional serial input device.